

## SENATE BILL No. 502

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-8-55.

**Synopsis:** Passengers in truck cargo areas. Makes it a Class C infraction to operate a truck on a highway while another individual is in the open bed of the truck. Makes exceptions for parades, certain agricultural operations, and certain trucks equipped with safety belts.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 22, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Small Business.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 9-21-8-55 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2001]: **Sec. 55. (a) An individual may not operate a truck on a  
4 highway while another individual is in the open bed of the truck.**

5       **(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an individual operating a  
6 truck:**

7           **(1) in a parade;**

8           **(2) in connection with an agricultural activity; or**

9           **(3) in which all persons who are in the open bed of the truck  
10 are:**

11           **(A) in attached seats; and**

12           **(B) secured by safety belts.**

13       **(c) The operator of a truck transporting passengers in the open  
14 bed of a truck must have a tailgate on the truck, and the tailgate  
15 must be in an upright and secured position.**

